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Good afternoon CAPT Ceraolo et al,

Please find the following situation summary of multi-agency actions for the R/V SPIRIT OF SACRAMENTO response.

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SITUATION - 14 September 2016

BLUF: The Incident Action Plan has been signed and approved by Unified Command. Global Diving and Salvage will commence dive operations tomorrow, 15 September 2016 to prepare the vessel for crane operations. There will be a minimum of three USCG members on scene monitoring contractor operations throughout the evolution. Results from NOAA's bathymetry survey are forthcoming. The OSLTF remains open for \$500,000. Expenditures to date total \$36,931.97

At approximately 0025 local on 04 September 2016, Coast Guard Sector San Francisco received notification R/V SPIRIT OF SACRAMENTO was taking on water from the stern and that the engine room was actively flooding. The 87 foot vessel was in the vicinity of Franks Track near Bethel Island. Coast Guard Station Rio Vista responded and ensured the two persons on board made it safely ashore. Six hundred gallons of diesel fuel was reported on board. No sheen or active discharge was observed by Station Rio Vista. The vessel was reported to be partially submerged and anchored but was not deemed to be a hazard to navigation. The Sector San Francisco Incident Management Division (IMD) was unable to reach the owner and issued a Notice of Federal Interest (NOFI) via voice mail. Due to the time of the incident, safety concerns for response personnel and no available resources, the IMD duty team was not able to get on scene until later that morning. At 1030 local the vessel was capsized and upside down in the water; a small sheen was observed. The vessel owner was still unreachable. Due to the proximity of sensitive sites, the pollution potential and complexity of the response, the SPIRIT OF SACRAMENTO was determined to be a significant risk to the environment, and the FOSC authorized access to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) for \$100,000. Global Diving and Salvage Inc. was hired to deploy boom

and conduct pollution mitigation operations. There are no known impacts to wildlife or sensitive sites at this time. A safety zone is in place. The vessel's pilot house is lodged firmly in the mud on the bottom of the channel and is preventing any further movement.

ACTIONS TAKEN -

1. A planning meeting was held today to discuss dive operations moving forward and to approve the Incident Action Plan. Three USCG personnel are scheduled to be on scene during dive operations beginning Thursday, 15 September 2016. Contra Costa County issues the owner, Mr. Rowles, an Abandonment Order giving him 10 days to make claim of the vessel.
2. Global Diving and Salvage, Inc. reported the SPIRIT OF SACRAMENTO had shifted from an upside down orientation to laying submerged on its starboard side. A spud barge has been brought in by Global Diving and Salvage, Inc. to serve as a platform for securing the SPIRIT OF SACRAMENTO in place.
3. See attached updated ICS 209, photo of vessel and situation display map.

FUTURE PLANS -

1. Results of NOAA's bathymetric survey IVO the SPIRIT OF SACRAMENTO are scheduled to be published within the next few days.
2. Tactics and Planning Meetings for phase III operations are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday the week of 19 September 2016.
3. Various options for the final disposition of the vessel are still being coordinated. A meeting with USCG, EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers and California Dept of Fish & Wildlife is scheduled for Thursday to continue discussion of applicable federal authorities; Contra Costa County continues to pursue funding and disposal mechanisms through their channels.

MEDIA INTEREST

A joint USCG/OSPR press release is scheduled to be published later this afternoon. It will be available at: <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2156562/11th-District-Pacific-Southwest>. There have been no media inquiries today.

Very respectfully,

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